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189562-1:n:01/16/2018:FC/cr LSA2018-171 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, an exemption from the 8 state sales tax is provided for the sale of fruit 9 10 or agricultural products by a person or corporation 11 that planted, cultivated, and harvested the fruit 12 or agricultural products. Under existing law, sales 13 tax exemptions and use tax exemptions are not 14 consistent. 15 This bill would specify that the sales tax 16 exemption would apply to the sale of fruit or 17 agricultural products by the person or corporation that planted or cultivated and harvested the fruit 18 19 or agricultural products. This bill would also 20 incorporate the sales tax exemptions into the use 21 tax law. 22 23 A BILL 24 TO BE ENTITLED 25 AN ACT 26

To amend Sections 40-23-4 and 40-23-62, Code of 1 2 Alabama 1975, as amended by Act 2017-397 of the 2017 Regular 3 Session, relating to the state sales tax; to specify that the exemption for the sale of fruit or agricultural products by 4 5 the person or corporation that planted or cultivated and 6 harvested the fruit or agricultural products, when the land is 7 owned or leased by the seller; and to incorporate sales tax exemptions provided in Sections 40-23-4 and 40-23-4.1, Code of 8 Alabama 1975, into the use tax law. 9

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Sections 40-23-4 and 40-23-62, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended by Act 2017-397 of the 2017 Regular Session, are amended to read as follows:

14 "\$40-23-4.

15 "(a) There are exempted from the provisions of this 16 division and from the computation of the amount of the tax 17 levied, assessed, or payable under this division the 18 following:

"(1) The gross proceeds of the sales of lubricating oil and gasoline as defined in Sections 40-17-30 and 40-17-170 and the gross proceeds from those sales of lubricating oil destined for out-of-state use which are transacted in a manner whereby an out-of-state purchaser takes delivery of such oil at a distributor's plant within this state and transports it out-of-state, which are otherwise taxed.

"(2) The gross proceeds of the sale, or sales, offertilizer when used for agricultural purposes. The word

"fertilizer" shall not be construed to include cottonseed
 meal, when not in combination with other materials.

"(3) The gross proceeds of the sale, or sales, of
seeds for planting purposes and baby chicks and poults.
Nothing herein shall be construed to exempt or exclude from
the computation of the tax levied, assessed, or payable, the
gross proceeds of the sale or sales of plants, seedlings,
nursery stock, or floral products.

9 "(4) The gross proceeds of sales of insecticides and 10 fungicides when used for agricultural purposes or when used by 11 persons properly permitted by the Department of Agriculture 12 and Industries or any applicable local or state governmental 13 authority for structural pest control work and feed for 14 livestock and poultry, but not including prepared food for 15 dogs and cats.

16 "(5) The gross proceeds of sales of all livestock by 17 whomsoever sold, and also the gross proceeds of poultry and 18 other products of the farm, dairy, grove, or garden, when in the original state of production or condition of preparation 19 20 for sale, when such sale or sales are made by the producer or 21 members of his immediate family or for him by those employed 22 by him to assist in the production thereof. Nothing herein 23 shall be construed to exempt or exclude from the measure or 24 computation of the tax levied, assessed, or payable hereunder, 25 the gross proceeds of sales of poultry or poultry products when not products of the farm. 26

"(6) Cottonseed meal exchanged for cottonseed at or
 by cotton gins.

"(7) The gross receipts from the business on which, 3 or for engaging in which, a license or privilege tax is levied 4 by or under the provisions of Sections 40-21-50, 40-21-53, and 5 40-21-56 through 40-21-60; provided, that nothing contained in 6 7 this subdivision shall be construed to exempt or relieve the person or persons operating the business enumerated in said 8 9 sections from the payments of the tax levied by this division 10 upon or measured by the gross proceeds of sales of any tangible personal property, except gas and water, the gross 11 receipts from the sale of which are the measure of the tax 12 13 levied by said Section 40-21-50, merchandise or other tangible commodities sold at retail by said persons, unless the gross 14 15 proceeds of sale thereof are otherwise specifically exempted by the provisions of this division. 16

17 "(8) The gross proceeds of sales or gross receipts 18 of or by any person, firm, or corporation, from the sale of 19 transportation, gas, water, or electricity, of the kinds and 20 natures, the rates and charges for which, when sold by public 21 utilities, are customarily fixed and determined by the Public 22 Service Commission of Alabama or like regulatory bodies.

"(9) The gross proceeds of the sale, or sales of wood residue, coal, or coke to manufacturers, electric power companies, and transportation companies for use or consumption in the production of by-products, or the generation of heat or power used in manufacturing tangible personal property for

sale, for the generation of electric power or energy for use
 in manufacturing tangible personal property for sale or for
 resale, or for the generation of motive power for
 transportation.

5 "(10) The gross proceeds from the sale or sales of 6 fuel and supplies for use or consumption aboard ships, 7 vessels, towing vessels, or barges, or drilling ships, rigs or barges, or seismic or geophysical vessels, or other watercraft 8 9 (herein for purposes of this exemption being referred to as 10 "vessels") engaged in foreign or international commerce or in interstate commerce; provided, that nothing in this division 11 shall be construed to exempt or exclude from the measure of 12 13 the tax herein levied the gross proceeds of sale or sales of material and supplies to any person for use in fulfilling a 14 15 contract for the painting, repair, or reconditioning of vessels, barges, ships, other watercraft, and commercial 16 17 fishing vessels of over five tons load displacement as 18 registered with the U.S. Coast Guard and licensed by the State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. 19

20 "For purposes of this subdivision, it shall be 21 presumed that vessels engaged in the transportation of cargo 22 between ports in the State of Alabama and ports in foreign countries or possessions or territories of the United States 23 24 or between ports in the State of Alabama and ports in other 25 states are engaged in foreign or international commerce or 26 interstate commerce, as the case may be. For the purposes of 27 this subdivision, the engaging in foreign or international

1 commerce or interstate commerce shall not require that the 2 vessel involved deliver cargo to or receive cargo from a port 3 in the State of Alabama. For purposes of this subdivision, vessels carrying passengers for hire, and no cargo, between 4 5 ports in the State of Alabama and ports in foreign countries or possessions or territories of the United States or between 6 7 ports in the State of Alabama and ports in other states shall 8 be engaged in foreign or international commerce or interstate 9 commerce, as the case may be, if, and only if, both of the 10 following conditions are met: (i) The vessel in question is a vessel of at least 100 gross tons; and (ii) the vessel in 11 question has an unexpired certificate of inspection issued by 12 13 the United States Coast Guard or by the proper authority of a 14 foreign country for a foreign vessel, which certificate is 15 recognized as acceptable under the laws of the United States. Vessels which are engaged in foreign or international commerce 16 17 or interstate commerce shall be deemed for the purposes of 18 this subdivision to remain in such commerce while awaiting or under repair in a port of the State of Alabama if such vessel 19 20 returns after such repairs are completed to engaging in 21 foreign or international commerce or interstate commerce. For 22 purposes of this subdivision, seismic or geophysical vessels 23 which are engaged either in seismic or geophysical tests or 24 evaluations exclusively in offshore federal waters or in 25 traveling to or from conducting such tests or evaluations 26 shall be deemed to be engaged in international or foreign commerce. For purposes of this subdivision, proof that fuel 27

and supplies purchased are for use or consumption aboard 1 2 vessels engaged in foreign or international commerce or in interstate commerce may be accomplished by the merchant or 3 seller securing the duly signed certificate of the vessel 4 5 owner, operator, or captain or their respective agent on a form prescribed by the department that the fuel and supplies 6 7 purchased are for use or consumption aboard vessels engaged in foreign or international commerce or in interstate commerce. 8 9 Any person filing a false certificate shall be guilty of a 10 misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$500 for each offense. Each false 11 certificate filed shall constitute a separate offense. Any 12 13 person filing a false certificate shall be liable to the department for all taxes imposed by this division upon the 14 15 merchant or seller, together with any interest or penalties 16 thereon, by reason of the sale or sales of fuel and supplies applicable to such false certificate. If a merchant or seller 17 18 of fuel and supplies secures the certificate herein mentioned, properly completed, such merchant or seller shall not be 19 20 liable for the taxes imposed by this division, if such 21 merchant or seller had no knowledge that such certificate was 22 false when it was filed with such merchant or seller.

"(11) The gross proceeds of sales of tangible
personal property to the State of Alabama, to the counties
within the state and to incorporated municipalities of the
State of Alabama.

"(12) The gross proceeds of the sale or sales of
railroad cars, vessels, barges, and commercial fishing vessels
of over five tons load displacement as registered with the
U.S. Coast Guard and licensed by the State of Alabama
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, when sold by
the manufacturers or builders thereof.

7 "(13) The gross proceeds of the sale or sales of 8 materials, equipment, and machinery which, at any time, enter 9 into and become a component part of ships, vessels, towing 10 vessels or barges, or drilling ships, rigs or barges, or seismic or geophysical vessels, other watercraft and 11 commercial fishing vessels of over five tons load displacement 12 13 as registered with the U.S. Coast Guard and licensed by the State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural 14 15 Resources. Additionally, the gross proceeds from the sale or 16 sales of lifeboats, personal flotation devices, ring life 17 buoys, survival craft equipment, distress signals, EPIRB's, 18 fire extinguishers, injury placards, waste management plans and logs, marine sanitation devices, navigation rulebooks, 19 20 navigation lights, sound signals, navigation day shapes, oil 21 placard cards, garbage placards, FCC SSL, stability 22 instructions, first aid equipment, compasses, anchor and radar reflectors, general alarm systems, bilge pumps, piping, and 23 24 discharge and electronic position fixing devices which are 25 used on the aforementioned watercraft.

"(14) The gross proceeds of the sale or sales of
 fuel oil purchased as fuel for kiln use in manufacturing
 establishments.

"(15) The gross proceeds of the sale or sales of 4 5 tangible personal property to county and city school boards within the State of Alabama, independent school boards within 6 7 the State of Alabama, all educational institutions and agencies of the State of Alabama, the counties within the 8 9 state, or any incorporated municipalities of the State of 10 Alabama, and private educational institutions operating within the State of Alabama offering conventional and traditional 11 courses of study, such as those offered by public schools, 12 13 colleges, or universities within the State of Alabama; but not 14 including nurseries, day care centers, and home schools.

15 "(16) The gross proceeds from the sale of all devices or facilities, and all identifiable components 16 thereof, or materials for use therein, acquired primarily for 17 18 the control, reduction, or elimination of air or water pollution and the gross proceeds from the sale of all 19 20 identifiable components of or materials used or intended for 21 use in structures built primarily for the control, reduction, 22 or elimination of air and water pollution.

"(17) The gross proceeds of sales of tangible
personal property or the gross receipts of any business which
the state is prohibited from taxing under the Constitution or
laws of the United States or under the Constitution of this
state.

"(18) When dealers or distributors use parts taken
from stocks owned by them in making repairs without charge for
such parts to the owner of the property repaired pursuant to
warranty agreements entered into by manufacturers, such use
shall not constitute taxable sales to the manufacturers,
distributors, or to the dealers, under this division or under
any county sales tax law.

"(19) The gross proceeds received from the sale or 8 9 furnishing of food, including potato chips, candy, fruit and 10 similar items, soft drinks, tobacco products, and stationery and other similar or related articles by hospital canteens 11 12 operated by Alabama state hospitals at Bryce Hospital and 13 Partlow State School for Mental Deficients at Tuscaloosa, 14 Alabama, and Searcy Hospital at Mt. Vernon, Alabama, for the 15 benefit of the patients therein.

"(20) The gross proceeds of the sale, or sales, of 16 17 wrapping paper and other wrapping materials when used in 18 preparing poultry or poultry products for delivery, shipment, or sale by the producer, processor, packer, or seller of such 19 20 poultry or poultry products, including pallets used in 21 shipping poultry and egg products, paper or other materials 22 used for lining boxes or other containers in which poultry or 23 poultry products are packed together with any other materials 24 placed in such containers for the delivery, shipment, or sale 25 of poultry or poultry products.

26 "(21) The gross proceeds of the sales of all27 antibiotics, hormones and hormone preparations, drugs,

medicines or medications, vitamins, minerals or other 1 2 nutrients, and all other feed ingredients including concentrates, supplements, and other feed ingredients when 3 such substances are used as ingredients in mixing and 4 5 preparing feed for fish raised to be sold on a commercial basis, livestock, and poultry. Such exemption herein granted 6 7 shall be in addition to exemptions now provided by law for feed for fish raised to be sold on a commercial basis, 8 livestock, and poultry, but not including prepared foods for 9 10 dogs or cats.

"(22) The gross proceeds of the sale, or sales, of 11 seedlings, plants, shoots, and slips which are to be used for 12 13 planting vegetable gardens or truck farms and other agricultural purposes. Nothing herein shall be construed to 14 15 exempt, or exclude from the computation of the tax levied, assessed, or payable, the gross proceeds of the sale, or the 16 use of plants, seedlings, shoots, slips, nursery stock, and 17 18 floral products, except as hereinabove exempted.

"(23) The gross proceeds of the sale, or sales, of 19 20 fabricated steel tube sections, when produced and fabricated 21 in this state by any person, firm, or corporation for any vehicular tunnel for highway vehicular traffic, when sold by 22 the manufacturer or fabricator thereof, and also the gross 23 24 proceeds of the sale, or sales, of steel which enters into and 25 becomes a component part of such fabricated steel tube sections of said tunnel. 26

"(24) The gross proceeds from sales of admissions to 1 2 any theatrical production, symphonic or other orchestral 3 concert, ballet, or opera production when such concert or production is presented by any society, association, guild, or 4 5 workshop group, organized within this state, whose members or 6 some of whose members regularly and actively participate in 7 such concerts or productions for the purposes of providing a creative outlet for the cultural and educational interests of 8 such members, and of promoting such interests for the 9 10 betterment of the community by presenting such productions to the general public for an admission charge. The employment of 11 a paid director or conductor to assist in any such 12 13 presentation described in this subdivision shall not be construed to prohibit the exemptions herein provided. 14

15 "(25) The gross proceeds of sales of herbicides for 16 agricultural uses by whomsoever sold. The term herbicides, as used in this subdivision, means any substance or mixture of 17 18 substances intended to prevent, destroy, repel, or retard the growth of weeds or plants. It shall include preemergence 19 20 herbicides, postemergence herbicides, lay-by herbicides, 21 pasture herbicides, defoliant herbicides, and desiccant 22 herbicides.

"(26) The Alabama Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis
Research Foundation and the Jefferson Tuberculosis Sanatorium
and any of their departments or agencies, heretofore or
hereafter organized and existing in good faith in the State of
Alabama for purposes other than for pecuniary gain and not for

individual profit, shall be exempted from the computation of
 the tax on the gross proceeds of all sales levied, assessed,
 or payable.

4 "(27) The gross proceeds from the sale or sales of
5 fuel for use or consumption aboard commercial fishing vessels
6 are hereby exempt from the computation of all sales taxes
7 levied, assessed, or payable under the provisions of this
8 division or levied under any county or municipal sales tax
9 law.

10 "The words commercial fishing vessels shall mean 11 vessels whose masters and owners are regularly and exclusively 12 engaged in fishing as their means of livelihood.

"(28) The gross proceeds of sales of sawdust, wood shavings, wood chips, and other like materials sold for use as chicken litter by poultry producers and poultry processors.

16 "(29) The gross proceeds of the sales of all 17 antibiotics, hormones and hormone preparations, drugs, 18 medicines, and other medications including serums and vaccines, vitamins, minerals, or other nutrients for use in 19 20 the production and growing of fish, livestock, and poultry by 21 whomsoever sold. Such exemption as herein granted shall be in 22 addition to the exemption provided by law for feed for fish, 23 livestock, and poultry, and in addition to the exemptions 24 provided by law for the above-enumerated substances and 25 products when mixed and used as ingredients in fish, livestock, and poultry feed. 26

"(30) The gross proceeds of the sale or sales of all medicines prescribed by physicians for persons who are 65 years of age or older, and when said prescriptions are filled by licensed pharmacists, shall be exempted under this division or under any county or municipal sales tax law. The exemption provided in this section shall not apply to any medicine purchased in any manner other than as is herein provided.

8 "For the purposes of this subdivision, proof of age 9 may be accomplished by filing with the dispensing pharmacist 10 any one or more of the following documents:

"a. The name and claim number as shown on a
"Medicare" card issued by the United States Social Security
Administration.

14 "b. A certificate executed by any adult person 15 having knowledge of the fact that the person for whom the 16 medicine was prescribed is not less than 65 years of age.

17 "c. An affidavit executed by any adult person having
18 knowledge of the fact that the person for whom the medicine
19 was prescribed is not less than 65 years of age.

20 "For the purposes of this subdivision, any person 21 filing a false proof of age shall be guilty of a misdemeanor 22 and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of 23 \$100.

24 "(31) There shall be exempted from the tax levied by 25 this division the gross receipts of sales of grass sod of all 26 kinds and character when in the original state of production 27 or condition of preparation for sale, when such sales are made by the producer or members of his family or for him by those employed by him to assist in the production thereof; provided, that nothing herein shall be construed to exempt sales of sod by a person engaged in the business of selling plants, seedlings, nursery stock, or floral products.

6 "(32) The gross receipts of sales of the following 7 items or materials which are necessary in the farm-to-market production of tomatoes when such items or materials are used 8 by the producer or members of his family or for him by those 9 10 employed by him to assist in the production thereof: Twine for tying tomatoes, tomato stakes, field boxes (wooden boxes used 11 to take tomatoes from the fields to shed), and tomato boxes 12 13 used in shipments to customers.

14 "(33) The gross proceeds from the sale of liquefied 15 petroleum gas or natural gas sold to be used for agricultural 16 purposes.

17 "(34) The gross receipts of sales from state18 nurseries of forest tree seedlings.

"(35) The gross receipts of sales of forest treeseed by the state.

"(36) The gross receipts of sales of Lespedeza bicolor and other species of perennial plant seed and seedlings sold for wildlife and game food production purposes by the state.

"(37) The gross receipts of any aircraft
 manufactured, sold, and delivered in this state if said

aircraft are not permanently domiciled in Alabama and are
 removed to another state.

3 "(38) The gross proceeds from the sale or sales of4 all diesel fuel used for off-highway agricultural purposes.

5 "(39) The gross proceeds from sales of admissions to 6 any sporting event which:

7 "a. Takes place in the State of Alabama on or after
8 January 1, 1984, regardless of when such sales occur; and

9 "b. Is hosted by a not-for-profit corporation 10 organized and existing under the laws of the State of Alabama; 11 and

"c. Determines a national championship of a national organization, including but not limited to the Professional Golfers Association of America, the Tournament Players Association, the United States Golf Association, the United States Tennis Association, and the National Collegiate Athletic Association; and

18 "d. Has not been held in the State of Alabama on 19 more than one prior occasion, provided, however, that for such 20 purpose the Professional Golfers Association Championship, the 21 United States Open Golf Championship, the United States 22 Amateur Golf Championship of the United States Golf 23 Association, and the United States Open Tennis Championship 24 shall each be treated as a separate event.

"(40) The gross receipts from the sale of any
aircraft and replacement parts, components, systems, supplies,
and sundries affixed or used on said aircraft and ground

support equipment and vehicles used by or for the aircraft to or by a certificated or licensed air carrier with a hub operation within this state, for use in conducting intrastate, interstate, or foreign commerce for transporting people or property by air. For the purpose of this subdivision, the words "hub operation within this state" shall be construed to have all of the following criteria:

8 "a. There originates from the location 15 or more 9 flight departures and five or more different first-stop 10 destinations five days per week for six or more months during 11 the calendar year; and

12 "b. Passengers and/or property are regularly
13 exchanged at the location between flights of the same or a
14 different certificated or licensed air carrier.

15 "(41) The gross receipts from the sale of hot or 16 cold food and beverage products sold to or by a certificated 17 or licensed air carrier with a hub operation within this 18 state, for use in conducting intrastate, interstate, or foreign commerce for transporting people or property by air. 19 For the purpose of this subdivision, the words "hub operation 20 21 within this state" shall be construed to have all of the 22 following criteria:

"a. There originates from the location 15 or more
flight departures and five or more different first-stop
destinations five days per week for six or more months during
the calendar year; and

"b. Passengers and/or property are regularly
 exchanged at the location between flights of the same or a
 different certificated or licensed air carrier.

4 "(42) The gross receipts from the sale of any 5 aviation jet fuel to a certificated or licensed air carrier 6 purchased for use in scheduled all-cargo operations being 7 conducted on international flights or in international 8 commerce. For purposes of this subdivision, the following 9 words or terms shall be defined and interpreted as follows:

10 "a. Air Carrier. Any person, firm, corporation, or 11 entity undertaking by any means, directly or indirectly, to 12 provide air transportation.

"b. All-Cargo Operations. Any flight conducted by an
air carrier for compensation or hire other than a passenger
carrying flight, except passengers as specified in 14 C.F.R.
§121.583(a) or 14 C.F.R. §135.85, as amended.

17 "c. International Commerce. Any air carrier engaged
 18 in all-cargo operations transporting goods for compensation or
 19 hire on international flights.

20 "d. International Flights. Any air carrier 21 conducting scheduled all-cargo operations between any point 22 within the 50 states of the United States and the District of Columbia and any point outside the 50 states of the United 23 24 States and the District of Columbia, including any interim 25 stops within the United States so long as the ultimate origin or destination of the aircraft is outside the United States 26 and the District of Columbia. 27

1 "(43) The gross proceeds of the sale or sales of the
2 following:

3 "a. Drill pipe, casing, tubing, and other pipe used
4 for the exploration for or production of oil, gas, sulphur, or
5 other minerals in offshore federal waters.

6 "b. Tangible personal property exclusively used for 7 the exploration for or production of oil, gas, sulphur, or 8 other minerals in offshore federal waters.

9 "c. Fuel and supplies for use or consumption aboard 10 boats, ships, aircraft, and towing vessels when used 11 exclusively in transporting persons or property between a 12 point in Alabama and a point or points in offshore federal 13 waters for the exploration for or production of oil, gas, 14 sulphur, or other minerals in offshore federal waters.

15 "d. Drilling equipment that is used for the 16 exploration for or production of oil, gas, sulphur, or other 17 minerals, that is built for exclusive use outside this state 18 and that is, on completion, removed forthwith from this state.

19 "The delivery of items exempted by this subdivision 20 to the purchaser or lessee in this state does not disqualify 21 the purchaser or lessee from the exemption if the property is 22 removed from the state by any means, including by the use of 23 the purchaser's or lessee's own facilities.

24 "The shipment to a place in this state of equipment 25 exempted by this subdivision for further assembly or 26 fabrication does not disqualify the purchaser or lessee from 27 the exemption if on completion of the further assembly or fabrication the equipment is removed forthwith from this state. This subdivision applies to a sale that may occur when the equipment exempted is further assembled or fabricated if on completion the equipment is removed forthwith from this state.

"(44) The gross receipts derived from all bingo 6 7 games and operations which are conducted in compliance with validly enacted legislation authorizing the conduct of such 8 9 games and operations, and which comply with the distribution 10 requirements of the applicable local laws; provided that the exemption from sales taxation granted by this subdivision 11 shall apply only to gross receipts taxable under subdivision 12 13 (2) of Section 40-23-2. It is further provided that this 14 exemption shall not apply to any gross receipts from the sale 15 of tangible personal property, such as concessions, novelties, 16 food, beverages, etc. The exemption provided for in this 17 section shall be limited to those games and operations by 18 organizations which have qualified for exemption under the provisions of 26 U.S.C. § 501 (c) (3), (4), (7), (8), (10), or 19 20 (19), or which are defined in 26 U.S.C. 501(d).

"(45) The gross receipts derived from the sale or sales of fruit or other agricultural products by the person or <del>corporation</del> <u>company</u>, <u>as defined in Section 40-23-1</u>, that planted<del>,</del> <u>or</u> cultivated, and harvested <del>such</del> <u>the</u> fruit or agricultural product, when the land is owned or leased by the seller.

"(46) The gross receipts derived from the sale or
 sales of all domestically mined or produced coal, coke, and
 coke by-products used in cogeneration plants.

"(47) The gross receipts from the sale or sales of 4 5 metal, other than gold or silver, when such metal is purchased 6 for the purpose of transferring such metal to an investment 7 trust in exchange for shares or other units, each of which are 8 both publicly traded and represent fractional undivided beneficial interests in the trust's net assets, including 9 10 metal stored in warehouses located in this state, as well as the gross proceeds from the sale or other transfer of such 11 metal to or from such investment trust in exchange for shares 12 13 or other units that are publicly traded and represent fractional undivided beneficial interests in the trust's net 14 assets but not to the extent that metal is transferred to or 15 from the investment trust in exchange for consideration other 16 17 than such publicly traded shares or other units. For purposes 18 of this subdivision, the term metals includes, but is not limited to, copper, aluminum, nickel, zinc, tin, lead, and 19 other similar metals typically used in commercial and 20 21 industrial applications.

"(48) For the period commencing on October 1, 2012, and ending May 30, 2022, unless extended by joint resolution, the gross receipts from the sale of parts, components, and systems that become a part of a fixed or rotary wing military aircraft or certified transport category aircraft that undergoes conversion, reconfiguration, or general maintenance so long as the address of the aircraft for FAA registration is not in the state; provided, however, that this exemption shall not apply to a local sales tax unless previously exempted by local law or approved by resolution of the local governing body.

6 "(49) The gross proceeds from the sale or sales 7 within school buildings of lunches to pupils of kindergarten, 8 grammar, and high schools, either public or private, that are 9 not sold for profit.

10 "(50) The gross proceeds of services provided by photographers, including but not limited to sitting fees and 11 consultation fees, even when provided as part of a transaction 12 13 ultimately involving the sale of one or more photographs, so long as the exempt services are separately stated to the 14 15 customer on a bill of sale, invoice, or like memorialization of the transaction. For transactions occurring before October 16 17 1, 2017, neither the Department of Revenue nor local tax 18 officials may seek payment for sales tax not collected. With regard to such transactions in which sales tax was collected 19 and remitted on services provided by photographers, neither 20 21 the taxpayer nor the entity remitting sales tax shall have the 22 right to seek refund of such tax.

"(b) Any violation of any provision of this section shall be punishable in a court of competent jurisdiction by a fine of not less than \$500 and no more than \$2,000 and imprisonment of not less than six months nor more than one year in the county jail. 1

"§40-23-62.

2 "The storage, use, or other consumption in this state of the following tangible personal property is hereby 3 specifically exempted from the tax imposed by this article: 4 5 "(1) Property, on which the sales tax imposed by the provisions of Article 1 of this chapter is paid by the 6 consumer to a person licensed under the provisions of Article 7 1 of this chapter. 8 9 "(2) Property, the storage, use, or other 10 consumption of which this state is prohibited from taxing under the Constitution or laws of the United States of America 11 or under the constitution of this state. 12 13 "(3) (2) Tangible personal property, not to be used 14 in the performance of a contract, brought into this state by a 15 nonresident thereof for his or her own storage, use, or consumption while temporarily within this state. 16 "(3) In addition to the exemptions provided in 17 18 subdivisions (1) and (2), all exemptions enumerated in Sections 40-23-4(a) and 40-23-4.1 are incorporated by 19 20 reference in this section. 21 "(4) Lubricating oil and gasoline as defined in 22 Sections 40-17-30 and 40-17-170, the storage, use, or other consumption of which is otherwise taxed. 23 "(5) All fertilizer; provided, that the word 24 "fertilizer" as used in this article shall not be construed to 25 26 include cottonseed meal when not in combination with other material. 27

1 "(6) All seeds for planting purposes and baby chicks 2 and poults; provided, that nothing herein shall be construed 3 to exempt plants, seedlings, nursery stock or floral products. "(7) Insecticides and fungicides and feed for 4 5 livestock and poultry, but not including prepared foods for dogs and cats. 6 7 "(8) The use, storage, or consumption of all 8 livestock by whomsoever sold; and also the gross proceeds of poultry and other products of the farm, dairy, grove or 9 10 garden, when in the original state of production or condition of preparation for sale, when such sale or sales are made by 11 12 the producer or members of his immediate family or for him by 13 those employed by him to assist in the production thereof. Nothing herein shall be construed to exempt or exclude from 14 15 the measure or computation of the tax levied, assessed, or payable hereunder, the gross proceeds of sales of poultry or 16 17 poultry products when not products of the farm. 18 "(9) Cottonseed meal exchanged for cottonseed at or 19 by cotton gins. 20 "(10) Transportation, gas, water, or electricity, of 21 the kinds and natures, the rates and charges for which when sold by public utilities, are customarily fixed and determined 22 23 by the Public Service Commission of Alabama or like regulatory 24 bodies. 25 "(11) Coal or coke to be stored, used, or consumed 26 by manufacturers, electric power companies and transportation

| 1  | companies for use or consumption in the production of          |
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| 2  | by-products or the generation of heat or power used:           |
| 3  | "a. In manufacturing tangible personal property for            |
| 4  | sale;  |
| 5  | "b. For the generation of electric power or energy             |
| 6  | for use in manufacturing tangible personal property for sale   |
| 7  | <del>or for resale; or</del>                                   |
| 8  | "c. For the generation of motive power for                     |
| 9  | transportation.  |
| 10 | " <del>(12) Fuel and supplies for use or consumption</del>     |
| 11 | aboard ships, vessels, towing vessels, or barges, or drilling  |
| 12 | ships, rigs or barges, or seismic or geophysical vessels, or   |
| 13 | other watercraft (herein for purposes of this exemption being  |
| 14 | referred to as vessels) engaged in foreign or international    |
| 15 | commerce or in interstate commerce; provided, that nothing in  |
| 16 | this article shall be construed to exempt or exclude from the  |
| 17 | measure of the tax herein levied the gross proceeds of sale or |
| 18 | sales of material and supplies to any person for use in        |
| 19 | fulfilling a contract for the painting, repair or              |
| 20 | reconditioning of vessels, barges, ships, other watercraft and |
| 21 | commercial fishing vessels of over five tons load displacement |
| 22 | as registered with the U.S. Coast Guard and licensed by the    |
| 23 | State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural        |
| 24 | Resources. For purposes of this subdivision, it shall be       |
| 25 | presumed that vessels engaged in the transportation of cargo   |
| 26 | between ports in the State of Alabama and ports in foreign     |
| 27 | countries or possessions or territories of the United States   |

or between ports in the State of Alabama and ports in other 1 2 states are engaged in foreign or international commerce or interstate commerce, as the case may be. For the purposes of 3 this subdivision, the engaging in foreign or international 4 commerce or interstate commerce shall not require that the 5 vessel involved deliver cargo to or receive cargo from a port 6 7 in the State of Alabama. For purposes of this subdivision, vessels carrying passengers for hire, and no cargo, between 8 ports in the State of Alabama and ports in foreign countries 9 or possessions or territories of the United States or between 10 ports in the State of Alabama and ports in other states shall 11 12 <del>be engaged in foreign or international commerce or interstate</del> 13 commerce, as the case may be, if, and only if, both of the 14 following conditions are met: (i) The vessel in question is a vessel of at least 100 gross tons; and (ii) the vessel in 15 16 question has an unexpired certificate of inspection issued by 17 the United States Coast Guard or by the proper authority of a foreign country for a foreign vessel, which certificate is 18 19 recognized as acceptable under the laws of the United States. 20 Vessels which are engaged in foreign or international commerce 21 or interstate commerce shall be deemed for the purposes of 22 this subdivision to remain in such commerce while awaiting or 23 under repair in a port of the State of Alabama if such vessel 24 returns after such repairs are completed to engaging in 25 foreign or international commerce or interstate commerce. For purposes of this subdivision, seismic or geophysical vessels 26 27 which are engaged either in seismic or geophysical tests or

evaluations exclusively in offshore federal waters or in 1 traveling to or from conducting such tests or evaluations 2 shall be deemed to be engaged in international or foreign 3 commerce. For purposes of this subdivision, proof that fuel 4 and supplies purchased are for use or consumption aboard 5 vessels engaged in foreign or international commerce or in 6 7 interstate commerce may be accomplished by the merchant or seller securing the duly signed certificate of the vessel 8 owner, operator or captain or their respective agent on a form 9 10 prescribed by the department that the fuel and supplies 11 purchased are for use or consumption aboard vessels engaged in 12 foreign or international commerce or in interstate commerce. 13 Any person filing a false certificate shall be quilty of a 14 misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$500 for each offense. Each false 15 certificate filed shall constitute a separate offense. Any 16 person filing a false certificate shall be liable to the 17 18 department for all taxes imposed by this division upon the 19 merchant or seller, together with any interest or penalties 20 thereon, by reason of the sale or sales of fuel and supplies 21 applicable to such false certificate. If a merchant or seller 22 of fuel and supplies secures the certificate herein mentioned, 23 properly completed, such merchant or seller shall not be 24 liable for the taxes imposed by this division, if such 25 merchant or seller had no knowledge that such certificate was false when it was filed with such merchant or seller. 26

1 "(13) Property stored, used, or consumed by the 2 State of Alabama, by the counties within the state or by incorporated municipalities of the State of Alabama. 3 "(14) The use, storage, or consumption of materials, 4 5 equipment and machinery which, at any time, enter into and become a component part of ships, vessels, towing vessels or 6 7 barges, or drilling ships, rigs or barges, or seismic or geophysical vessels, other watercraft and commercial fishing 8 vessels of over five tons load displacement as registered with 9 10 the U.S. Coast Guard and licensed by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Additionally, the use, 11 12 storage, or consumption of lifeboats, personal flotation 13 devices, ring life buoys, survival craft equipment, distress 14 signals, EPIRB's, fire extinguishers, injury placards, waste 15 management plans and logs, marine sanitation devices, 16 navigation rulebooks, navigation lights, sound signals, 17 navigation day shapes, oil placard cards, garbage placards, 18 FCC SSL, stability instructions, first aid equipment, 19 compasses, anchor and radar reflectors, general alarm systems, 20 bilge pumps, piping, and discharge and electronic position 21 fixing devices on the aforementioned watercraft. 22 "(15) The use, storage, or consumption of fuel oil 23 purchased as fuel for kilns used in manufacturing 24 establishments. 25 "(16) Tangible personal property stored, used, or consumed by county and city school boards within the State of 26 27 Alabama, independent school boards within the State of

Alabama, all educational institutions and agencies of the 1 2 State of Alabama, the counties within the state or any incorporated municipality of the State of Alabama, and private 3 educational institutions operating within the State of Alabama 4 offering conventional and traditional courses of study, such 5 as those offered by public schools, colleges, or universities 6 within the State of Alabama; but not including nurseries, day 7 care centers, and home schools. 8

9 "(17) The storage, use, or consumption of railroad 10 cars, vessels, and barges and commercial fishing vessels of 11 over five tons load displacement as registered with the U.S. 12 Coast Guard and licensed by the State of Alabama Department of 13 Conservation and Natural Resources when purchased from the 14 manufacturers or builders thereof.

"(18) The storage, use, or consumption of all 15 devices or facilities, and all identifiable components thereof 16 17 or materials for use therein, used or placed in operation 18 primarily for the control, reduction or elimination of air or 19 water pollution, and the storage, use, or consumption of all 20 identifiable components of or materials used or intended for 21 use in structures built primarily for the control, reduction 22 or elimination of air or water pollution.

"(19) When dealers or distributors use parts taken
from stocks owned by them in making repairs without charge for
such parts to the owner of the property required pursuant to
warranty agreements entered into by manufacturers, such use
shall not constitute taxable sales to the manufacturers,

1 distributors or to the dealers, under this article, or under 2 any county use tax law.

"(20) (4) The storage, use, or other consumption in 3 this state of religious magazines and publications. For the 4 5 purpose of this subdivision the words "religious magazines and publications" shall be construed to mean printed or 6 7 illustrated lessons, notes and explanations distributed by churches or other religious organizations free of charge to 8 pupils or students in Sunday schools, Bible classes or other 9 10 educational facilities established and maintained by churches or similar religious organizations in this state. 11

12 "(21) The storage, use, or other consumption of 13 wrapping paper and other wrapping materials when used in preparing poultry or poultry products for delivery, shipment 14 15 or sale by the producer, processor, packer, or seller of such poultry or poultry products including pallets used in shipping 16 17 poultry and egg products, paper or other materials used for 18 lining boxes or other containers in which poultry or poultry 19 products are packed together with any other materials placed 20 in such containers for the delivery, shipment or sale of 21 poultry or poultry products.

"(22) The storage, use, or other consumption of all
 antibiotics, hormones and hormone preparations, drugs,
 medicines or medications, vitamins, minerals, or other
 nutrients and all other feed ingredients including
 concentrates, supplements and other feed ingredients when such
 substances are used as ingredients in mixing and preparing

1 feed for livestock and poultry. Such exemption herein granted 2 shall be in addition to exemptions now provided by law for 3 feed for livestock and poultry, but not including prepared 4 foods for dogs and cats.

5 "(23) The use of seedlings, plants, shoots, and 6 slips which are to be used for planting vegetable gardens or 7 truck farms. Nothing herein shall be construed to exempt, or 8 exclude from the computation of the tax levied, assessed, or 9 payable, the use of plants, seedlings, shoots, slips, nursery 10 stock and floral products except as hereinabove exempted.

"(24) Fabricated steel tube sections, when produced 11 12 and fabricated in this state by any person, firm, or 13 corporation, for any vehicular tunnel for highway vehicular 14 traffic, when sold by the manufacturer or fabricator thereof, and also steel which enters into and becomes a component part 15 16 of such fabricated steel tube sections of the tunnel, shall be 17 exempted from the provisions of this article and from the 18 computation of the amount of the tax levied, assessed or 19 payable under this article.

20 "(25) The storage, use, or other consumption of 21 herbicides for agricultural uses by whomsoever sold. The term 22 "herbicides" as used in this subdivision means any substance 23 or mixture of substances intended to prevent, destroy, repel, 24 or retard the growth of weeds or plants. It shall include 25 preemergence herbicides, postemergence herbicides, lay-by herbicides, pasture herbicides, defoliant herbicides, and 26 27 desiccant herbicides.

| 1  | " <del>(26) The Alabama Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis</del>    |
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| 2  | Research Foundation, and the Jefferson Tuberculosis Sanatorium  |
| 3  | and any of their departments or agencies, heretofore or         |
| 4  | hereafter organized and existing in good faith in the State of  |
| 5  | Alabama for purposes other than for pecuniary gain and not for  |
| 6  | individual profit, shall be exempted from the payment of the    |
| 7  | state use tax levied under this article.                        |
| 8  | " <del>(27) Fuel for use or consumption aboard commercial</del> |
| 9  | fishing vessels are hereby exempt from the payment of the       |
| 10 | state use tax levied under this article, or levied under any    |
| 11 | county or municipal use tax law.                                |
| 12 | "The words commercial fishing vessels shall mean                |
| 13 | vessels whose masters and owners are regularly and exclusively  |
| 14 | engaged in fishing as their means of livelihood.                |
| 15 | " <del>(28) The storage, use, or withdrawal of sawdust,</del>   |
| 16 | wood shavings, wood chips, and other like materials purchased   |
| 17 | for use as chicken litter by poultry producers and poultry      |
| 18 | processors shall be exempt under this article.                  |
| 19 | " <del>(29) The storage, use, or other consumption of all</del> |
| 20 | antibiotics, hormones and hormone preparations, drugs,          |
| 21 | medicines and other medications including serums and vaccines,  |
| 22 | vitamins, minerals or other nutrients for use in the            |
| 23 | production and growing of fish, livestock, and poultry are      |
| 24 | hereby specifically exempted from the payment of the state use  |
| 25 | tax levied by this article. Such exemption as herein granted    |
| 26 | shall be in addition to the exemptions now provided by law for  |
| 27 | feed for fish, livestock, and poultry, and in addition to the   |

exemptions now provided by law for the above-enumerated 1 2 substances and products when mixed and used as ingredients in fish, livestock and poultry feeds. 3 "(30) All medicines prescribed by physicians for 4 5 persons who are 65 years of age or older, and when the prescriptions are filled by licensed pharmacists, shall be 6 7 exempted from the operation of the state use tax law levied by this article, or by any county or municipal use tax law. The 8 exemptions provided in this subdivision shall not apply to any 9 10 medicine purchased in any manner other than as is herein 11 provided. "For the purposes of this subdivision, proof of age 12 13 may be accomplished by filing with the dispensing pharmacist any one or more of the following documents: 14 15 "a. The name and claim number as shown on a "Medicare" card issued by the United States Social Security 16 17 Administration. 18 "b. A certificate executed by any adult person 19 having knowledge of the fact that the person for whom the 20 medicine was prescribed is not less than 65 years of age. 21 "c. An affidavit executed by any adult person having knowledge of the fact that the person for whom the medicine 22 23 was prescribed is not less than 65 years of age. 24 "For the purposes of this subdivision any person 25 filing a false proof of age shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of 26 <del>\$100.</del> 27

"(31) All diesel fuel used for off-highway
 agricultural purposes.

"(32) The storage, use, or other consumption of any 3 aircraft and replacement parts, components, systems, supplies 4 and sundries affixed or used on the aircraft and ground 5 support equipment and vehicles used by or for the aircraft by 6 a certificated or licensed air carrier with a hub operation 7 within this state, for use in conducting intrastate, 8 interstate or foreign commerce for transporting people or 9 10 property by air. For the purpose of this subdivision, the words "hub operation within this state" shall be construed to 11 12 have all of the following criteria:

13 "a. There originates from the location 15 or more
 14 flight departures and five or more different first-stop
 15 destinations five days per week for six or more months during
 16 the calendar year; and

17 "b. Passengers and/or property are regularly
 18 exchanged at the location between flights of the same or a
 19 different certificated or licensed air carrier.

"(33) The storage, use, or other consumption of any
aviation jet fuel used by an aircraft operated by a
certificated or licensed air carrier that purchases jet fuel
for use in scheduled all-cargo operations being conducted on
international flights or in international commerce. For
purposes of this subdivision, the following words or terms
shall be defined and interpreted as follows:

| 1 | "a. Air Carrier. Any person, firm, corporation, or           |
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| 2 | entity undertaking by any means, directly or indirectly, to  |
| 3 | provide air transportation.                                  |
| 4 | "b. All-Cargo Operations. Any flight conducted by an         |
| 5 | air carrier for compensation or hire other than a passenger  |
| 6 | carrying flight, except passengers as specified in 14 C.F.R. |

<del>§121.583(a) or 14 C.F.R. §135.85, as amended.</del>

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8 "c. International Commerce. Any air carrier engaged 9 in all-cargo operations transporting goods for compensation or 10 hire on international flights.

"d. International Flights. Any air carrier 11 12 conducting scheduled all-cargo operations between any point 13 within the 50 states of the United States and the District of Columbia and any point outside the 50 states of the United 14 15 States and the District of Columbia, including any interim stops within the United States so long as the ultimate origin 16 or destination of the aircraft is outside the United States 17 18 and the District of Columbia.

"(34) The storage, use, or other consumption of hot 19 20 or cold food and beverage products by a certificated or 21 licensed air carrier with a hub operation within this state, 22 for use in conducting intrastate, interstate, or foreign 23 commerce for transporting people or property by air. For the 24 purpose of this subdivision, the words "hub operation within 25 this state" shall be construed to have all of the following criteria: 26

| 1  | "a. There originates from the location 15 or more               |
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| 2  | flight departures and five or more different first-stop         |
| 3  | destinations five days per week for six or more months during   |
| 4  | the calendar year; and  |
| 5  | "b. Passengers and/or property are regularly                    |
| 6  | exchanged at the location between flights of the same or a      |
| 7  | different certificated or licensed air carrier.                 |
| 8  | " <del>(35) The storage, use, or other consumption of the</del> |
| 9  | following:  |
| 10 | "a. Drill pipe, casing, tubing, and other pipe used             |
| 11 | for the exploration for or production of oil, gas, sulphur, or  |
| 12 | other minerals in offshore federal waters.                      |
| 13 | "b. Tangible personal property exclusively used for             |
| 14 | the exploration for or production of oil, gas, sulphur, or      |
| 15 | other minerals in offshore federal waters.                      |
| 16 | "c. Fuel and supplies for use or consumption aboard             |
| 17 | boats, ships, aircraft, and towing vessels when used            |
| 18 | exclusively in transporting persons or property between a       |
| 19 | point in Alabama and a point or points in offshore federal      |
| 20 | waters for the exploration for or production of oil, gas,       |
| 21 | sulphur, or other minerals in offshore federal waters.          |
| 22 | "d. Drilling equipment that is used for the                     |
| 23 | exploration for or production of oil, gas, sulphur, or other    |
| 24 | minerals, that is built for exclusive use outside this state    |
| 25 | and that is, on completion, removed forthwith from this state.  |
| 26 | "e. All domestically mined or produced coal, coke,              |
| 27 | and coke by-products used in cogeneration plants in Alabama.    |

"The delivery of items exempted by this subdivision
to the purchaser or lessee in this state does not disqualify
the purchaser or lessee from the exemption if the property is
removed from the state by any means, including by the use of
the purchaser's or lessee's own facilities.

"The shipment to a place in this state of equipment 6 7 exempted by this subdivision for further assembly or fabrication does not disqualify the purchaser or lessee from 8 the exemption if on completion of the further assembly or 9 10 fabrication the equipment is removed forthwith from this state. This subdivision applies to a sale that may occur when 11 12 the equipment exempted is further assembled or fabricated if 13 on completion the equipment is removed forthwith from this 14 state.

"(36) The storage or use of metal, other than gold 15 or silver, when such metal is held by an investment trust the 16 shares or other units in the trust's net assets of which have 17 18 been issued in exchange for such metal and are publicly 19 traded, including metal stored in warehouses located in this 20 state. For purposes of this subdivision, the term metals 21 includes, but is not limited to, copper, aluminum, nickel, 22 zinc, tin, lead, and other similar metals typically used in 23 commercial and industrial applications.

"(37) For the period commencing October 1, 2012, and
 ending May 30, 2022, unless extended by joint resolution, all
 parts, components, and systems that become a part of a fixed
 or rotary wing military aircraft or certified transport

1 category aircraft which undergoes conversion, reconfiguration,
2 or general maintenance so long as the address of the aircraft
3 for FAA registration is not in the state; provided, however,
4 that this exemption shall not apply to a local use tax unless
5 previously exempted by local law or approved by resolution of
6 the local governing body.

7 "(38) Lunches sold not for profit and within school
8 buildings to pupils of kindergarten, grammar, and high
9 schools, either public or private.

"(39) Services provided by photographers, including 10 but not limited to sitting fees and consultation fees, even 11 12 when provided as a part of a transaction ultimately involving 13 the sale of one or more photographs, so long as the exempt 14 services are separately stated to the customer on a bill of 15 sale, invoice, or like memorialization of the transaction. For transactions occurring before October 1, 2017, neither the 16 17 Department of Revenue nor local tax officials may seek payment 18 for use tax not collected. With regard to such transactions in which use tax was collected and remitted on services provided 19 20 by photographers, neither the taxpayer nor the entity 21 remitting use tax shall have the right to seek refund of such 22 tax."

23 Section 2. This act shall become effective 24 immediately following its passage and approval by the 25 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.